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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Nicholas McCarty receipt book
Date	1839-1847
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet
Language	English
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Biographical Note

Nicholas McCarty, Sr. was a prominent entrepreneur, landowner, and politician in early Indianapolis, Indiana. Born September 26, 1795 in Moorefield, Hardy County, Virginia (West Virginia today), McCarty settled in Indianapolis in 1823. He established one of the city's first general stores at the southwest corner of Washington and Pennsylvania streets, which became known as "McCarty's Corner." His mercantile venture proved profitable and McCarty went on to open more store locations in Covington, Cumberland, Greenfield, LaPorte and Waverly, Indiana. His other entrepreneurial pursuits included the production of ginseng, silk, and hemp. In 1828, McCarty married Margaret Hawkins in Boone County, Kentucky and they had four children: Nicholas, Jr., Frances, Susanna, and Margaret. Before his death on May 17, 1854, he held several local and state public offices, including that of Indiana state senator (1849-1852) and Indianapolis city councilman (1853-1854).

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a receipt book from Nicholas McCarty, which contains entries of transactions made in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Indianapolis, Indiana. The entries, ranging from March 3, 1839 to October, 19 1847, concern purchases and deliveries of dry goods, such as textiles and clothing, as well as bales of hemp.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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- Accounts
- Dry-goods
- Receipts (Acknowledgments)--United States--Indiana